

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. For use in a wireless messaging system, a message
2 distribution system capable of allowing a subscriber of said
3 wireless messaging system to review stored wireless messages sent
4 to said subscriber comprising:

5 a first I/O interface capable of receiving a message
6 retrieval request from said subscriber;

7 a message retrieval controller coupled to said first I/O
8 interface capable of determining an identity of said subscriber
9 from identification data contained in said message retrieval
10 request, retrieving a data record associated with said subscriber,
11 said data record containing one or more of said stored wireless
12 messages, and transferring to said subscriber one or more selected
13 portions of at least one of said stored wireless messages.

1 2. The message distribution system set forth in Claim 1
2 further comprising a database coupled to said message distribution
3 system capable of storing said stored wireless messages.

1 3. The message distribution system set forth in Claim 1
2 wherein said message distribution system requires said subscriber
3 to enter a password prior to transferring to said subscriber said
4 one or more selected portions of said at least one of said stored
 wireless messages.

1 4. The message distribution system set forth in Claim 1
2 wherein said first I/O interface is capable of receiving a wireless
3 message directed to said subscriber.

1 5. The message distribution system set forth in Claim 4
2 further comprising a second I/O interface capable of sending said
3 received wireless message to an RF transceiver facility operable to
4 transmit said received wireless message to a paging device of said
 subscriber.

1 6. The message distribution system set forth in Claim 4
2 further comprising an incoming wireless message controller capable
3 of determining an identity of said subscriber from identification
4 data contained in said received wireless message.

1 7. The message distribution system set forth in Claim 5
2 wherein said message distribution system is capable of receiving
3 from said RF transceiver facility a response message responsive to
4 a transmission of said received wireless message to said paging
5 device.

2 8. The message distribution system set forth in Claim 1
3 wherein said message retrieval request is received from a public
4 telephone system.

5 9. The message distribution system set forth in Claim 1
6 wherein said message retrieval request is received from a wide area
7 data network.

1 10. A wireless messaging system comprising:

2 a plurality of RF transceiver facilities capable of
3 transmitting and receiving wireless messages to and from paging
4 devices used by subscribers of said wireless messaging system;

5 a message distribution system capable of allowing a
6 subscriber of said wireless messaging system to review stored
7 wireless messages sent to said subscriber comprising:

8 a first I/O interface capable of receiving a message
9 retrieval request from said subscriber; and

10 a message retrieval controller coupled to said first
11 I/O interface capable of determining an identity of said
12 subscriber from identification data contained in said
13 message retrieval request, retrieving a data record
14 associated with said subscriber, said data record
15 containing one or more of said stored wireless messages,
16 and transferring to said subscriber one or more selected
17 portions of at least one of said stored wireless
18 messages; and

19 a database coupled to said message distribution system
20 capable of storing said stored wireless messages.

1 11. The wireless messaging system set forth in Claim 10
2 wherein said message distribution system requires said subscriber
3 to enter a password prior to transferring to said subscriber said
4 one or more selected portions of said at least one of said stored
5 wireless messages.

1 12. The wireless messaging system set forth in Claim 10
2 wherein said first I/O interface is capable of receiving a wireless
3 message directed to said subscriber.

1 13. The wireless messaging system set forth in Claim 12
2 further comprising a second I/O interface capable of sending said
3 received wireless message to an RF transceiver facility operable to
4 transmit said received wireless message to a paging device of said
5 subscriber.

1 14. The wireless messaging system set forth in Claim 12
2 further comprising an incoming wireless message controller capable
3 of determining an identity of said subscriber from identification
4 data contained in said received wireless message.

1 15. The wireless messaging system set forth in Claim 13
2 wherein said message distribution system is capable of receiving
3 from said RF transceiver facility a response message responsive to
4 a transmission of said received wireless message to said paging
5 device.

1 16. The wireless messaging system set forth in Claim 10
2 wherein said message retrieval request is received from a public
3 telephone system.

1 17. The message distribution system set forth in Claim 10
2 wherein said message retrieval request is received from a wide area
3 data network.

1 18. For use in a wireless messaging system, a method for
2 allowing a subscriber of the wireless messaging system to view on
3 a display device stored wireless messages sent to the subscriber
4 comprising the steps of:

5 receiving a message retrieval request from the
6 subscriber;

7 determining an identity of the subscriber from
8 identification data contained in the message retrieval request;

9 retrieving a data record associated with the subscriber,
10 the data record containing one or more of the stored wireless
11 messages sent to the subscriber; and

12 transferring to the subscriber one or more selected
13 portions of at least one of the stored wireless messages.

14 19. The method set forth in Claim 18 including the further
15 step of requiring the subscriber to enter a password prior to
16 transferring to the subscriber the one or more selected portions of
17 the at least one stored wireless messages.

18 20. The method set forth in Claim 18 including the further
19 steps of:

20 receiving from the subscriber a complete message

retrieval request; and

in response thereto, transferring to the subscriber all
of a selected one of the at least one stored wireless messages.

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